

AMENDMENTS TO LB 679

(Amendments to Final Reading copy)

Introduced by Gay, 14.

1           1. Insert the following new sections:

2           Sec. 2. Section 43-1304, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
3 Nebraska, is amended to read:

4           43-1304 (1) The state board shall establish local foster  
5 care review boards for the review of cases of children in foster  
6 care placement. The state board shall select members to serve on  
7 local boards from a list of applications submitted to the state  
8 board. Each local board shall consist of not less than four and not  
9 more than ten members.

10           (2) The members of the each local board shall reasonably  
11 represent the various social, economic, racial, and ethnic groups  
12 of the county or counties from which its members may be are  
13 appointed. A person employed by the state board, the Department of  
14 Health and Human Services, a child-caring agency, a child-placing  
15 agency, or a court shall not be appointed to a local board. No  
16 person with a conflict of interest as described in this section  
17 shall be a member of a local board. No person or person whose  
18 spouse, parent, sibling, or child by blood or marriage is employed  
19 by or who receives or distributes funds from the Department of  
20 Health and Human Services, a child-caring agency, a child-placing  
21 agency, a court, a county, or a designated contractor of any such  
22 agency is eligible to be a member of a local board, except that

1 a practitioner of pediatric medicine licensed under the Uniform  
2 Credentialing Act and a guardian ad litem who receives less than  
3 one-half of his or her income for such services are eligible to be  
4 members of a local board.

5 (3) The terms of members serving on a local board on  
6 the effective date of this act who have a conflict of interest  
7 shall expire on the sixtieth day after the effective date of this  
8 act. The state board shall make any appointments needed to ensure  
9 that each local board consists of not less than four and not more  
10 than ten members and meets the requirements of this section. Such  
11 appointments shall be made and qualified within sixty days after  
12 the effective date of this act. For such appointments, the terms of  
13 such members shall begin on the sixty-first day after the effective  
14 date of this act, and the state board shall designate terms of one,  
15 two, or three years for such appointments to maintain as equal a  
16 rotation of terms as possible.

17 (4) On and after the sixty-first day after the effective  
18 date of this act, the state board shall select members to serve  
19 on local boards from a list of applicants submitted to the state  
20 board who do not have a conflict of interest as described in this  
21 section. Each local board shall consist of not less than four and  
22 not more than ten members. A list of the members of each local  
23 board shall be sent to the department.

24 Sec. 3. Section 43-1305, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
25 Nebraska, is amended to read:

26 43-1305 All Except for appointments made under subsection  
27 (3) of section 43-1304, all local board members shall be appointed

1 for terms of three years. If a vacancy occurs on a local board,  
2 the state board shall appoint another person to serve the unexpired  
3 portion of the term. Appointments to fill vacancies on the local  
4 board shall be made in the same manner and subject to the same  
5 conditions as the initial appointments to such board. The term  
6 of each member shall expire on the second Monday in July of the  
7 appropriate year. Members shall continue to serve until a successor  
8 is appointed.

9           2. On page 1, line 1, strike "the State Foster Care  
10 Review Board" and insert "state and local foster care review  
11 boards"; in line 2 strike "section 43-1302" and insert "sections  
12 43-1302, 43-1304, and 43-1305"; in line 4 after the second  
13 semicolon insert "to change provisions relating to appointments  
14 of local foster care review boards;"; and in line 5, strike  
15 "section" and insert "sections".

16           3. On page 4, line 11, strike "section 43-1302" and  
17 insert "sections 43-1302, 43-1304, and 43-1305"; and in line 12  
18 strike "is" and insert "are".

19           4. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.